

City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility

July 18, 2005

Attendance: Amy Shrake, Vicki Pappas, Elizabeth Hall, Aaron Smith, Chuck Osborn, Susan Rinne, Katie Anderson, Ruth Rives, Suzie Rimstidt. **Staff:** Craig Brenner, Liaison, and Megan Hutchison, Intern, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department.

Introductions/Media: Introductions were made.

Guests/Business Registration: Barbara McKinney sent e-mail but could not attend. She met with Jim Gerstbauer, County ADA Coordinator and discussed the possibility of a required business registration - for new business establishments and for businesses that renovate existing buildings - that would trigger an ADA survey. Ms. McKinney questioned how well received it would be politically.

Byron Smith talked to Deputy Mayor James McNamara, who indicated that Mayor Kruzan is still interested in the concept.

James and Barbara would like to come to a CCA meeting to discuss this further. Gerstbauer has software that would track renovations and building. A formal invitation will be issued to Barbara, James McNamara, and Jim Gerstbauer to attend CCA's August meeting.

Concerns/ADA Complaints: Terry's has complied. No new complaints have been received.

AccessAbility Decal Program: Vicki and Ruth asked about prioritizing businesses that have been surveyed, regarding follow-up; perhaps additional decals could be awarded. Craig reviewed the various steps of the process of the survey as they have been practiced. Vicki also suggested that getting the decal awards in *The Herald-Times* would be good PR for the accessible businesses and might encourage other businesses to seek surveys/decals.

Business: A report of income and expenses of CCA since December 1997 was distributed to the group.

New Leadership Structure: Katie reviewed the latest version of the proposed new leadership structure. Vicki moved that we adopt the new structure. Ruth Rives seconded, and it was unanimously adopted.

Ruth volunteered to do hearing impaired sensitivity training, and Vicki volunteered to do the Operations-Communications Committee. Elizabeth Hall has agreed to be on the Activities-Events Committee as well as Ruth Rives. Suzie Rinne and Suzie Rimstidt agreed to do the Special Work Events. Elizabeth agreed to Chair the October, 2005 Awards Committee, but that event only.

Erin Riehl, Director of *Project Search* at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, will be the speaker for the Awards Ceremony. Susan Rinne will be the liaison to the speaker. The CCA agreed to have the Awards Ceremony at Mayfield's MCL in their ballroom. Elizabeth also handed out a list of meeting spaces that the Convention and Visitors Center provides.

ADA Celebration: Locally, a proclamation celebrating the Fifteenth ADA Anniversary-Birthday will be made, and there is a possibility that this Friday's Noon Edition radio program will focus on this topic. SICIL is providing a bus to attend the ADA Celebration in Indianapolis at the Arts Garden on Tuesday, July 26. Lunch will be provided for those riding the bus, but reservations need to be made by Wednesday, July 20. Vicki presented the program for the celebration as she is participating on the Indiana ADA Committee of the Governor's Planning Council and is helping plan this Celebration.

Special Work Committees: Hire Potential Indiana announced that a fourth person has been hired by the City of Bloomington as a result of this program.

Transportation Committee: Suzie Rimstidt announced that **Way to Go**, the bus buddy training, trained 7 people at the June training, including at least two with disabilities. The next training is on July 19th from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. The trainings are held monthly on the third Tuesday morning. Kristi Ross, Bloomington Transit Customer Relations and BTAcess Coordinator, is the main trainer. Suzie Rimstidt will participate in the Bloomington Bus Driver Sensitivity Training in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzie Rimstidt